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1. AS FOOTNOTE TO REFTELS WHICH AMPLIFIED BOTH DEP
CIC, LTC AHMED GHASHMI'S CRITICISM OF SOVIET MILITARY
AID CONTAINED IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER
AHKBAR AL-YOM, AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTS THAT YAR CONSIDERING
ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET REARMAMENT PACKAGE IN ABSENCE
DEFINITIVE SAUDI OFFER DEPARTMENT MAY BE INTERESTED IN
GHASHMI'S JUNE 30TH COMMENTS TO SANA PAPER, AL-THAWRA,
RELATING TO GHASHMI'S CAIRO INTERVIEW AND FORTHCOMING
REORGANIZATION OF YEMEN ARMED FORCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT AHKBAR AL-YOM ARTICLE
NO SPECIFIC MENTION WAS MADE BY GHASHMI OF HIS CAIRO COMMENTS
CRITICIZING SOVIET UNION. DEPUTY CIC STATED INSTEAD
"I STILL HOLD TO MY VIEWS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE
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BUILDING OF MODERN ARMED FORCES GIVES US RIGHT AND FREEDOM

OF DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF OUR WEAPONS".

3. BULK OF INTERVIEW CONCERNED FORTHCOMING REORGANIZATION OF ARMED FORCES WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAMDI. GHASHMI TOLD AL-THAWRA THAT THIS REORGDSIZATION IS ONE OF MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF YARG'S REFORM PROGRAM, AND THAT A SURVEY IS CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN OF ALL THE AVAILABLE MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF ARMED FORCES.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GHASHMI WAS NOT VERY SPECIFIC IN HIS LATEST NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, HE MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF CALLING T J ARTICLE TO THE ATTENTION OF DEFATT PLUMMER ON THE DAY IT APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS. GHASHMI ALSO ASKED THAT THE ARTICLE BE BROUGHT TO THE AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION IN AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO UNDERSCORE HIS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE ANTI-SOVIET STATEMENTS MADE IN THE AKHBAR AL-YOM ARTICLE.
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